

Dear Diary,

Wednesday was our project day. We met at the hotel of our teachers, where we were arranged into six different groups. In each group there should be at least one student from each country and every group had one country with its rivers as their topic. At first it was a bit unstructured, because some of the countries had already prepared a whole presentation at home, like the Belgium team, some groups did a bit less. Anyway, we managed to prepare our documents and were able to start working at our presentations for the afternoon. Then the Turkish teachers started to ask, who would sing at the performance in the afternoon, so in the end Tania and I were chosen to sing. We were 11 students, so two from every country and one of the Bulgarian team went to one of the classrooms of the school, which was next to the hotel. There two music teachers tried to teach us a traditional Turkish song. First of all it was very difficult for us to learn the different lines, because of the pronunciation, but the teachers helped us very patiently. While we were practising our song, the other students were working on our presentations, so comparing the documents and maybe improving the PowerPoints which were already existing. As the presentations should start at approximately four o' clock, we had lunch at twelve o' clock, so that we had some additional time, e.g. to divide our presentations in order that each group member had the chance to present a part of our work. Then we walked through Adana to get to a theatre, where we were going to present our results. Some parents and teachers joined us as well. At first we were shown a traditional Turkish dance, which was really interesting and very different to the dances we are used to. Afterwards each of the countries introduced themselves to the audience and declared their gratefulness for being in Adana. After that our presentations started, so we heard about different important rivers in different countries, their importance and function and about the different problems and possible solutions. In the end a girl and one of the music teachers sang some songs for us and it sounded very beautiful. Finally it was our turn to sing the Turkish song. I don't think it sounded as beautiful as the songs before and it was a bit halting as well, but all in all it was really funny for the audience and the basic idea of our hosts was really great!

After our presentations we had some time to spend with our host families, so I for instance went to the shopping mall, where we had dinner and my host sister, her mother and I went shopping.